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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD: DRAFT DECLARATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION SUBMITTED BY  
PHILIPPINE DEL IN RESPONSE TO HENRY LABOUISSSE'S  
SUGGESTION. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY FOR CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS  
DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, HAVING REVIEWED THE SITUATION OF THE  
400-500 MILLION CHILDREN IN COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE  
CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS , CONCLUDES THAT AN EMERGENCY SITUATION  
FACES MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN AND BELIVES THAT IT IS THE  
BOARDS DUTY TO CALL THIS DANGER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD  
COMMUNITY.
2. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD NOTES WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST THAT  
THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON RAW MATERIALS  
AND DEVELOPMENT HAS ADOPTED A PROGRAMME OF ACTION WHICH INCLUDES  
"EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS"  
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3. THE BOARD WISHES TO RECORD ITS DEEP CONCERN REGARDING

THE SITUATION OF THE CHILDREN IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES. IT CONSIDERS THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS REFERRED TO IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, THERE

IS DANGER OF A FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES OF MORE WIDE-SPREAD MALNUTRITION AND EVEN OF FAMINE. IT FEARS THAT MANY COUNTRIES WILL BE IN DANGER OF HAVING TO REDUCE BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, AFFECTING NOT ONLY THEIR NUTRITION BUT ALSO THEIR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND, MORE GENERALLY, THEIR PROSPECTS FOR LIFE.

4. THE BOARD DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF CHILDREN IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS INDICATED BY THE FOLLOWING;

(A) LOWER INCOME FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SPENDING APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME ON FOOD AND, UNLESS THEY ARE HELPED, FOOD PRICE INCREASES NOW OCCURRING CAN ONLY CAUSE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THEIR CHILDREN'S DIET;  
(B) SOME 10 MILLION YOUNG CHILDREN ARE REPORTED TO HAVE

BEEN SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MALNUTRITION, AND THERE IS A GRAVE DANGER THAT THIS NUMBER WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY;

(C) DAILY PER CAPITA PROTEIN CONSUMPTION IS LESS THAN 50 GRAMS WHICH IS LESS THAN HALF OF NORMAL CONSUMPTION IN THE RICHER COUNTRIES; WHILE YOUNG CHILDREN NEED MORE PROTEIN, HIGHER PRICES WILL BRING LOWER QUALITY OF DIET;

(D) LIFE EXPECTANCY, BECAUSE OF HIGHER INFANT MORTALITY AMONG INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, IS IN THE RANGE OF ONLY SOME 50 YEARS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. THE BOARD APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND OTHER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS, AS WELL AS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO ENLARGE THEIR SUPPORT OF PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN IN ADVERSELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, WHETHER BILATERALLY, THROUGH THE SPECIAL FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION, OR DIRECTLY TO UNICEF, AS APPROPRIATE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. THE BOARD DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR UNICEF TO BE HELD DURING THE 29 TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT FALL. IT SUGGESTS THAT GOVERNMENTS NOT ONLY MAKE

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PLEDGES OF REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE \$100 MILLION REVENUE TARGET FOR 1975 BUT ALSO MAKE PLEDGES OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL AID IN 1974 AND 1975 TO HELP UNICEF RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

7. IN ADDITION TO THE \$57 MILLION REQUESTED FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION IN THE INDOCHINA PENINSULA, THE DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS OF THE SAHEL AND ETHIOPIA, THE FLOODED AREAS OF PAKISTAN, AND FOR "NOTED" PROJECTS, THE BOARD DRAWS ATTENTION TO LARGE NEW

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNICEF AID OF POSSIBLY THE SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE IN EACH OF THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE BOARD EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT DONORS IN A POSITION TO DO SO WILL ANNOUNCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNICEF IN ADVANCE OF THE SPECIAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE.

8. BEARING IN MIND THAT THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION OF THEIR CHILDREN FALLS UPON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES AND THAT THEIR TOTAL NEEDS WILL REQUIRE THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, THE BOARD DECIDES THAT AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE FOR UNICEF IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD INCLUDE:

(A) IMMEDIATE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS IN THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICIES, THE PRODUCTION AND STORAGE OF FOOD PARTICULARLY AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL, THE EDUCATION OF PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ON CHILD NUTRITION, SUPPORT TO SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING SCHEMES, AS WELL AS THE RAPID STRENGTHENING AND ENLARGEMENT OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD;

B) HELP TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MONITOR THE OVERALL SITUATION OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN WHICH MIGHT BE ASSISTED THROUGH UNICEF AS WELL AS MANY OTHER SOURCES OF AID;

C) HELP IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE;

D) A PURPOSEFUL ENDEAVOUR TO ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL DONORS TO INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SPECIAL AND BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AS PART OF THEIR TOTAL AID EFFORT, WHETHER SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GIVEN BILATERALLY OR THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

9. THE BOARD REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO BRING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN ADVERSELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME AS SOON AS IT IS CONSTITUTED AND BEGINS ITS WORK LEADING TO THE OPERATION BY 1 JANUARY 1975 OF THE SPECIAL FUND CREATED BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PART OF ITS SPECIAL PROGRAMME, IT FURTHER REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO URGE THAT, AS PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN CREATING ITS SPECIAL FUND, THERE BE "FULL UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS", INCLUDING UNICEF. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE BOARD CALLS ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF CHAPTER IX OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PROGRAMME OF ACTION WHICH READS:

"THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

10. THE BOARD INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNICEF FAMILY -THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE SECRETARIAT, THE UNICEF NATIONAL

COMMITTEES, ACCREDITED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL  
AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN UNICEF - TO SUPPORT THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION IN ALL WAYS APPROPRIATE FOR THEM.

11. THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL  
ENDORSE THIS DECISION IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY AT ITS 57TH SESSION.

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